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ROSES



Dr. Walter Van Fleet Climbing Rose

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HOW TO SUCCEED WITH ROSES.

If a Rose can be planted in the fall, it will, long before spring, put out tiny rootlets and establish itself, ready for a good season's growth. They may also be planted in open weather in winter with results only a little less satisfactory. If planted in spring they are a little less likely to live, and in any event will be slower coming into bloom.

A soil for Roses should be well-drained but moist and fibrous, and not less than eighteen inches deep. Sometimes a soil replacement will be required when it is desired to grow Roses in a position where the original soil is not suitable. A good mixture for filling the beds, in this case is best made by composting, say, two parts of sod from an old pasture with one part of cow manure, and after the mixture has rotted for a year or more, combining it with one part or more of garden loam. Fresh manure in contact with the roots of Roses may do direct harm and in any event increases the annoyance from grubs, moles and the like.

Roses cannot be made to do their best in a soil filled with the roots of trees, shrubs, grass, or weeds.

Two distinct methods of culture are followed with success: 1. Keep the soil stirred throughout the summer to a depth of not more than two inches, and to a width of not less than two feet on all sides of each plant. When winter comes, mulch heavily with strawy manure, leaving this on all winter, and digging the remains of it into the soil in early spring. 2. A prepared mulch may be spread to a depth of two to three inches all around the plants to a width of not less than two feet on all sides. This mulch prevents to a large extent the germination of weed seeds, but any weeds that do succeed in pushing through it should be at once removed. No other culture is necessary; this mulch contains all food the plants will need for a few years, but additions may be desirable as it gradually decays or packs down.

EVERBLOOMING BUSH ROSES.

The Roses in the following list are well adapted for supplying cut flowers for the house and for decorating the flower garden; they are not recommended for use as part of the shrubbery about the foundation of the house or the borders of the lawn. They will produce bloom constantly as long as conditions are suitable for their best development.

RADIANCE—(Hybrid Tea)—A clear, silvery pink, double rose of good size, with the outside of the petals a rosy carmine. A handsome rose, excellent for cutting and for garden decoration. It is a free and constant bloomer throughout the season, is a good grower, has healthy foliage, and is hardy. One of the very best.

MRS. WAKEFIELD CHRISTIE MILLER—(Hybrid Tea)—Has large globular double flowers of pearly pink to pink with the outside of the petals much darker, almost vermillion. These strong colors do not fade, and the flowers hold a long time in good condition. The bush is a strong grower, hardy, free and continuous flowering. It is especially desirable both for cutting and garden decoration.

MAMAN COCHET—(Tea)—Has long pointed buds and large fully double flowers with broad thick petals of coral pink shaded with rosy crimson. It is sweet scented, an abundant and continuous bloomer, free growing and hardy. It is useful for cutting and garden decoration.

MADAME CAROLINE TESTOUT—(Hybrid Tea)—Has very large fully double rounded flowers preceded by beautiful buds. It is a clear pink, darker in the center, with the edges of the petals a silvery pink. It is a strong vigorous grower, hardy, and a very free and continuous bloomer, useful for mass plantings and for cutting.

LA TOSCA—(Hybrid Tea)—A very large fully double soft pink rose with deeper center. The bush is tall, free growing, hardy, with plentiful large dark green foliage, bearing flowers in abundance all the season on tall, stiff thornless stems. Recommended for both cutting and bedding.

HERMOSA—(China)—One of the very old garden roses with medium to small, very double, bright pink, sweet scented flowers born in clusters abundantly all the season. It is a moderate grower but hardy. It is especially good for garden decoration, but rather short-stemmed for full satisfaction in cutting.

KAISERIN AUGUSTA VICTORIA—(Hybrid Tea)—Beautiful buds; full rounded blooms of pure white or cream, with occasionally a slight blush on the outside. It is a free and constant bloomer with upright strong growth, dark green foliage and is hardy. It is useful as a cut flower and for garden decoration.

WHITE COCHET—(Tea)—Long pointed buds and large full snow-white flowers, sweet scented and of great substance. The outsides of the outer petals range from pink to deep pink, the degree probably being influenced somewhat by the season. It is free-flowering, a constant bloomer and vigorous grower though the branches are slender, and the bush is much branched and spreading. It is hardy and adapted both for garden decoration and for cutting, even though the stems are not so long and stiff as those of some other varieties.

OPHELIA—(Hybrid Tea)—A large fully formed blush rose shading to yellow. The foliage is dark green and healthy, the stems long, flowers continuous and abundant. It may possibly be not quite so hardy as the other roses described but is worthy of a place in every garden. It is especially good for cutting.

MRS. A. R. WADDELL—(Hybrid Tea)—Buds apricot or salmon with a golden sheen; especially beautiful when half open, the fully open flowers that follow being orange-salmon, loose petaled, and graceful. It is a constant bloomer and free flowering. The bushes are upright, well formed, vigorous and hardy with good foliage. It is especially useful for cutting, but also suitable for garden decoration.

GRUSS AN TEPLITZ—(Hybrid Tea)—A beautiful clear permanent crimson-scarlet rose that is a trifle more than semi-double. Its flowers are borne three or four to a stem, opening a few days apart, so that it is not so satisfactory for cutting as some others. But because of its brilliant color, number of flowers, and constancy of bloom from May till frost, it is deservedly prized for garden decoration. The foliage is a dark bronzy-green and abundant, the bush is a free grower and hardy.

RED RADIANCE—(Hybrid Tea)—A large globular deep red rose that holds its color. It is a free and constant bloomer throughout the season, has dark green healthy foliage, is a strong upright grower and is hardy. One of the best for cutting and bedding, and equal to its worthy parent Radiance.

HARDY CLIMBING ROSES.

For decoration of the home grounds, the Climbing Roses, or Ramblers, as they are often called, may be used for positions where the less vigorous and hardy Bush Roses would be unable to serve. The varieties given below may be used to cover fences, arbors, pergolas, lattice screens, unsightly stumps, for holding the earth on steep banks, etc., as shrubs on the lawn or in the garden or border. All are vigorous and hardy, and bloom—just once—in such profusion as to make in their season as gorgeous a display of flowers as is possible with any ornamental plant.

We are often asked by our friends for Everblooming Climbers, hardy in this climate, and suitable for use as shrubs or vines. Such a plant would indeed be a fine thing, and we do not say that it cannot be produced, but it has not yet been thoroughly worked out by the plant breeders. For the present, perhaps, we had better grow the Climbers and the Everblooming Roses as distinct classes.

Plant breeders have worked with the Climbing Roses with much success, and the result is that now we have them in all the colors possible to the Rose; by a careful selection of varieties a period of nearly two months of lovely bloom may be obtained through a succession of sorts.

DR. WALTER VAN FLEET—(Hybrid Wichuriana)—This rose appeals to everyone by its perfectly formed, long and pointed buds of soft blush pink, borne on long stiff stems, which open into sweet-scented blush blossoms that may be as much as 4 inches in diameter. It is popular as a cut flower, for which purpose it is best cut in the bud stage. One of the few climbers that blooms early enough to produce a crop of blossoms for Memorial Day. The plant is a strong, vigorous climber, carrying large healthy leaves of a glossy green, that have a decorative value throughout the season.

SILVER MOON—(Hybrid Wichuriana)—One of the notable achievements of the late Dr. Van Fleet's plant-breeding efforts; a rose that should be in every collection. The long, symmetrical buds open into immense semi-double flowers, sometimes 5 inches in diameter, of a waxy whiteness and deliciously tea scented. In the center of each bloom are bright yellow stamens in profusion. A plant of Silver Moon, full of these blooms showing against a background of glossy green foliage, is an example of chaste beauty not soon forgotten. As cut flowers the blossoms show unusual beauty and substance.

HIAWATHA—(Hybrid Wichuriana)—No Climbing Rose is more brilliant than Hiawatha. The single, crimson flowers, with white centers, are borne in large trusses over a period of about three weeks, and under favorable conditions a few blossoms appear later in the summer months. The foliage is light green, much divided, small, resistant to mildew and other diseases.

EXCELSA—(Hybrid Wichuriana)—Bears medium-sized, perfectly double flowers of garnet crimson in large trusses late in the season, carrying its blossoms after most of the climbers are through. The vine is vigorous, healthy, and has an abundant foliage that is resistant to mildew. The flowers are scentless. Particularly good for covering fences, where, in addition to its great ornamental value, it serves the purpose of a defensive hedge. Also very good as a bank cover.

AMERICAN PILLAR—(Multiflora)—The large single flowers are of a deep pink color, the base of each petal clear white. Thus each blossom, on close inspection, shows a mass of yellow stamens, surrounded by an inner circle of white, and an outer circle of pink. The general effect of the plant while in full bloom is so gorgeous as to be almost objectionable unless the planting has been skilfully planned to give a proper setting for such a mass of strong color. We have seen it well-placed against a background of Evergreens.

PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER—(Hybrid Wichuriana)—Surpasses in brilliancy any other scarlet rose, and the flowers remain in good condition for a long time. It is a vivid scarlet, and the color does not burn or fade. The bush is stiffer than most of the climbers; therefore it may be used for a pillar rose. It does not climb very high. As with American Pillar, a proper background and setting are essential for the best display of its beauty.

PRICE LIST OF ROSES.

	Each		Each
American Pillar, Mult.-----	\$.75	Mrs. A. R. Waddell, H. T.-----	1.00
Dr. W. Van Fleet, H. W.-----	1.00	Mrs. W. C. Miller, H. T.-----	1.00
Excelsa, H. W.-----	.50	Ophelia, H. T.-----	1.00
Gruss an Teplitz, H. T.-----	1.00	Paul's Scarlet Climber, H. W.---	1.00
Hermosa, China-----	.90	Radiance, H. T.-----	1.00
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Prepared Mulch, Rose Formula, per 2 bushel Bag----- \$1.00

(Note:—One bag covers about 30 square feet of bed.)